



Islands Trust

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There are numerous government, foundation and corporate grants available to assist community groups and non profit organizations with their valuable community projects. Below is a list of great resources well as some specific grant sources. As grant deadlines can change and eligibility guidelines vary, please visit the funder's website or contact each funder directly for full details.

Listings and resources for grant seekers:

- **Rural BC**, a provincial government website, features a grant research tool helping you to identify a wide range of funding opportunities at www.ruralbc.gov.bc.ca/granttool.html
- Canadian Heritage provides federal funding for **Arts and Cultural Industries**, including Festivals and Performing Arts, Museums and Galleries and Cultural Spaces: <http://www.pch.gc.ca/eng/1267707501152/1254349601920>
- Environment Canada's **Green Source Funding Database** helps Canadian communities identify resources to fund environmental projects: <http://www.ec.gc.ca/financement-funding/default.asp?lang=En&n=768DAFB1-1>
- The **Victoria Foundation** maintains an extensive list of funding sources for charitable organizations in BC: www.victoriafoundation.bc.ca/web/grantingprograms/links
- The **Islands Trust** also maintains a list of grants available for **food security** related projects: <http://islandstrust.bc.ca/foodsecurity/foodsecurityhome.cfm>
- Follow the **BC Rural Network** on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/#!/BCRuralNetwork> for up-to-date grant tips and resources for organizations and initiatives in rural communities.



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VIHA	Community Food Action Initiative (CFAI)	Food Security: Community Capacity Building Plan/ Food/Action Plan/ Promising or Emerging Practices and/or Approaches: www.viha.ca/mho/food/food_security/Community+Food+Action+Initiative.htm	\$5,000- \$10,000	December 30, 2011
Canadian Heritage	Building Community through Arts and Heritage	Local arts & heritage festivals, community anniversaries, legacy fund Website: www.pch.gc.ca/eng/1267799042836/1276800169608#h2	\$200,000	Year-round; verify with local office.
BC Rehab Foundation	1) Project Grant 2) Community Partnership Initiative	1) support initiatives designed to benefit people with disabilities; encourage designed places and activities that can be utilized by everyone, regardless of physical ability. Examples: gardening, recreation. 2) to provide funding to projects that will increase community accessibility and opportunities for people living with physical disabilities.	1) not specified 2) 5 grants of \$10,000	March 1, 2012
Island Coastal Economic Trust	Regional economic growth through strategic investments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forestry • Transportation • Tourism • Mining • Small Business • Economic Development • Energy • Agriculture (incl. Aquaculture) Website: www.islandcoastaltrust.ca/	Varies	Central/South Island: Jan 27, 2012 North Island/Sunshine Coast Feb. 17, 2012
Farm Credit Canada	AgriSpirit Fund	Capital community improvement projects Website: www.fcc-fac.ca/en/aboutus/responsibility/agrispiritfund_e.asp	\$5,000- \$25,000	Application intake begins May 2012
Commission for Environmental Cooperation	North American Partnership for Community Action (NAPECA)	Healthy Communities and Ecosystems; Climate Change – Low-Carbon Economy; Greening the Economy in North America www.cec.org/Page.asp?PageID=1224&SiteNodeID=1007	Varies	Preliminary Proposals: August; TBC



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Vancity and Vancity Community Foundation	Community Project Grants	Environment, community development, socio-economic projects; Website: www.vancitycommunityfoundation.ca/s/looking_for_funding.asp	\$10,000	varies
Vancity	Social Enterprise Portfolio Program	Social enterprise development; Website: www.vancity.com/MyCommunity/NotForProfit/Grants/GrowingTheSocialEconomy	\$50,000	Accepted year round
Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation	Public Conservation Assistance Fund & Acquisition Fund	PCAF: to implement on-the-ground conservation projects, focusing on hands-on, community-stewardship based initiatives; Acquisition: Conservation of fish and wildlife habitats and populations. Website: www.hctf.ca	\$10,000	Sept. 2012 Acquisition: March 2012;
Real Estate Foundation	Grant Program	Education, research, law reform and good works related to sustainable real estate, water and land use practices. Website: www.refbc.com	Varies	Varies
Real Estate Foundation	Priorities for 2012/13	Built Environment; Fresh Water Sustainability; Sustainable Food Systems Website: www.refbc.com		Starting in 2012
Enterprising Non Profits	Enterprising Non Profits Grant	Social enterprise development, including matching grants for business planning projects Website: www.enterprisingnonprofits.ca/	\$10,000	Spring & Fall
Toyota-Evergreen Learning Grounds	School Ground Greening Grant	Helps schools and daycares create outdoor classrooms Website: www.evergreen.ca/en/programs/schools/	\$3500 or \$2000	Sept./Dec./ Mar./June
Victoria Foundation	The Victoria Fund and the Environment Fund	Primarily funds projects within the CRD, arts, culture, environment, social & health; also scholarships and adoption related activities province-wide. Website: www.victoriafoundation.bc.ca	Varies	TBA in Spring



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Vancouver Foundation	Community Grants	Province-wide, arts, culture, environment, social & health: Website: www.vancouverfoundation.ca	Varies	Jan. & July
Canadian Wildlife Federation	General Grants Program	Wildlife conservation, management, education, and research. Website: www.cwf-fcf.org/en/action/funding-awards/grants/	Varies	March 1 and Sept. 1
Mountain Equipment Co-op	Conservation & Environment	Land Acquisition, Capacity, Research, Advocacy & Education, Access Website: www.mec.ca/AST/ContentPrimary/Sustainability/CommunityContributions.jsp	\$500- \$100,000	March 10 & Sept. 10
Environment Canada	EcoAction and other Funding Programs	Clean air; Clean water; Climate change; Nature. Website: www.ec.gc.ca/financement-funding/default.asp?lang=En&n=923047A0-1	Max. \$100,000	November 1
Heritage Legacy Fund of BC	Heritage Awareness & Conservation Programs	Public awareness or conservation of heritage resources. Website: www.heritagelegacyfund.ca	\$10,000 or \$25,000	Accepted year round
BC Hydro	Donations Program	Environment and sustainability, youth and education, people and leadership, and community initiatives. Website: www.bchydro.com/community/community_investment/donations_sponsorships.html	Varies	Accepted year round
Canadian Heritage	Cultural Spaces Canada	Renovation and expansion of arts and heritage facilities. Acquisition of specialized equipment. Website: www.pch.gc.ca/pgm/ecc-csp/index-eng.cfm	Varies	Accepted year round
Islands Trust Fund	Opportunity Fund	Conservation projects: typically land protection or acquisition. Website: http://www.islandstrustfund.bc.ca/projects/oppfundgrants.cfm	\$500-\$5,000	Accepted year round
Investment Agriculture Foundation	Islands Agri-Food Initiative	Development of sustainable agri-food sector. Website: www.iafbc.ca/iafi	Varies	To the end of 2011.



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Investment Agriculture Foundation	Multiple programs	IAF offers a wide range of funding programs designed to assist the agriculture and food processing industries in BC. Website: http://iafbc.ca/funding_available/other.htm	Varies	Varies
Royal Bank of Canada	Blue Water Grants	Access to clean drinking water. 1. Leadership Grants and 2. Community Action Grants Website: www.rbc.com/donations/blue-water-pre.html	1. \$25,000+ 2. \$1-\$5,000	1. Feb. 3, 2012 2. ongoing
Toronto Dominion Bank	Friends of the Environment	Environmental preservation, youth environmental education, and cooperation amongst environmental groups. Website: www.fef.td.com/funding.jsp#applicationreviewprocess	\$5,000	Dec./Feb./ May/Aug.
Vancity Community Foundation	Community Project Grants	People: Building wealth with those who need it most Planet: Sustaining our environment Places: Promoting community growth and change Website: www.vancity.com/MyCommunity/NotForProfit/Grants/CommunityProjectGrants/	\$500-\$20,000	Accepted year round